

LDEQ ANSWERS TO PROPOSERS QUESTIONS
RFP No. 3000017960
“Underground Storage Tank Compliance Evaluation Inspections”

LDEQ’s answers to the following questions are intended to provide information to potential proposers’ questions to RFP No. 3000017960.

Questions and answers that may potentially result in the disclosure of information from proposals of competing bidders will not be published.

Question 1: Is this RFP part of a newly developed outsourced inspection program or a re-bid of an ongoing inspection program? If a re-bid of an existing effort, who is the incumbent firm currently completing this work?

LDEQ’s answer: This RFP is a re-bid of an existing effort. The current firm completing the work is Compliance Services, LLC.

Question 2: Does the 3,150 Compliance Evaluation Inspections represent the total number of facilities or the total number of underground storage tanks required to be inspected under this SOW.

LDEQ’s answer: The Department inspects one-third (1/3) of our active UST site universe each year. Our current site universe is about 3,841 (number of sites not tanks). Per RFP Attachment 1, Statement of Work (SOW), Section 1.0, Goals and Objectives, “The Contractor shall be capable of performing approximately 700 – 1050 inspections per year.” The quantity of 3,150 for “Compliance Evaluation Inspection” shown in the RFP Attachment 2, Schedule of Prices represents a maximum of 1,050 site inspections per year under a three-year contract.

Question 3: Is it possible to obtain a list of facilities or a potential list of facilities to be inspected under this RFP, prior to award and during the bidding phase, in order to properly account for required travel time to complete the RFP SOW?

LDEQ’s answer: See the attached “Exhibit 1 to LDEQ ANSWERS TO PROPOSERS QUESTIONS - Question 3” for the Active UST Site Universe.

Question 4: How many Department issued inspector tablets can the Contractor anticipate receiving under this contract?

LDEQ’s answer: LDEQ is currently equipped to provide two (2) tablets to the contractor.

Question 5: Will the Department issued inspector tablets be equipped with both cellular and Wi-Fi capabilities?

LDEQ's answer: The current Department-issued tablets are equipped with only Wi-Fi capabilities.

Question 6: How many attempts to contact each UST owner does the Department deem as a sufficient effort where no response is received by the Contractor during scheduling of the facility inspection?

LDEQ's answer: LDEQ deems three (3) attempts sufficient to contact UST owner. However if the UST owner is not reached, the contractor must contact the LDEQ Project Manager. LDEQ is aware that there are abandon sites where UST owners won't be reached. LDEQ Project Manager will work with the contractor on handling these sites.

Question 7: What means and/or methods of UST owner contact would the Department prefer for scheduling the inspection (phone call, email, fax, certified mail, regular mail)?

LDEQ's answer: Currently the primary method of contacting UST owners is by phone. We also email if the email address is available to us.

Question 8: Will the Department prioritize any tank locations outside of the three year inspection timeframe requirement?

LDEQ's answer: The Department assigns sites where anniversary dates are due in the fiscal year. The State fiscal year is July 1 – June 30. In order to meet the 3-year inspection dates, we try to complete inspections three months before the anniversary date. The Department will pull sites with inspections due in the first three months of next fiscal year (July – September) in order to meet this deadline.

Question 9: Is there a list of particular rate of pay for the inspectors based on the locations of the tanks?

LDEQ's answer: No.